

Appl. No. 10/064,983
Amendment dated May 19, 2004
Response to Notice of Allowance dated February 24, 2004

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Amendment to the Claims

The Examiner has allowed claims 1-27 of the present application. Applicants have amended claim 16 by way of this response. Specifically, claim 16 has been amended from a single dependent to a multiple dependent claim. Since all claims have already been allowed, Applicants submit that the amendment to claim 16 does not affect the claims' status of being allowable. Applicants further submit that the amendment does not require a substantial amount of additional work on the part of the Office. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request consideration and entry of the amendment.

Payment of Issue and Publication Fees

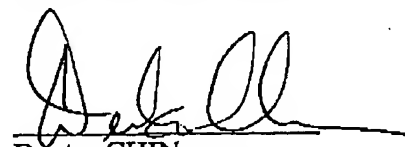
Applicants, in response to the Notice of Allowance, authorize payment of the issue and publication fees. A completed "Part B - Fee(s) Transmittal" and an extra copy are attached herewith.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe that all claims now pending in this application are in condition for allowance. Since the issue and publication fees have been authorized, issuance of the Patent is respectfully requested.

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